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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An e-commerce system, comprising:

a database server to store information about a plurality of dealing companies, credit information for each of the plurality of dealing companies, and order restriction information of a plurality of tangible products;

a web server, coupled to the database server, and configured to operate a web site to receive on-line orders for an on-line sale of each of the plurality of tangible products, to acquire information about the respective tangible products and dealing companies and registering the acquired information to the database server, and to perform order control for order-generating dealing companies, when an order for a tangible product purchase is generated from the corresponding dealing companies; and

an order control server coupled to the database server and the web server, and configured to restrict prescribed orders for each of the dealing companies based on

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information about the respective dealing companies, wherein the information of the respective dealing companies used to restrict prescribed orders relates to past performances of the corresponding dealing companies, and wherein the order control server sequentially controls operations of:

determining whether or not there is the order for the tangible product purchase from one of the dealing companies,

determining whether or not the ordered tangible product belongs to a previously established error list in the database server [[if]]when it is determined that there is the order for the tangible product purchase, and determining whether or not there is the order for the tangible product purchase from one of the dealing companies [[if]]when it is determined that there is not the order for the tangible product purchase,

temporarily suspending next operations and notifying the error to a user [[if]]when it is determined that the ordered tangible product belongs to the previously established error list, and confirming the order for the tangible product purchase [[if]]when it is determined that the ordered tangible product does not belong to the previously established error list,

determining whether or not the error is cured, and

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confirming the order for the tangible product purchase ~~[[if]]~~when the error is determined to be cured, and suspending the next operations temporarily and notifying the error to the user ~~[[if]]~~when the error is determined to not be cured,

~~wherein the error list includes at least one of products that fail to exist on a sales list, products ordered by a dealing company that is not authorized, products for which a price and quantity differ from a prescribed minimum price and quantity, or products for which a quantity of the available product in stock is less than the amount ordered~~ the order control server generates an order sheet for a divisional shipment so that quantity of the ordered tangible product is able to make a divisional shipment on each shipment-available date, when confirming the order for the tangible product purchase.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the order control server further to restrict prescribed orders based on the order restriction information of the products in the database server, the order restriction information including at least one of amounts in stock by the respective models of sales products, sale or sale-suspension of the respective models of the sales products, out-of-production or production of the respective models of the sales products.

13-67. (Canceled)

68. (Currently Amended) An e-commerce system, comprising:

a database server storing information relating to product order errors;

a web server coupled to the database server and capable of receiving orders on-line from a plurality of dealing companies for tangible products and selecting and displaying only available tangible products of the tangible products in the received orders on an interface screen;

an information acquisition server coupled to the database server and configured to register acquired information on the plurality of dealing companies on the database server; and

an order control server that sequentially controls operations of:

determining whether or not there is an order for the tangible product purchase from one of the dealing companies,

determining whether or not the ordered tangible product belongs to a previously established error list in the database server [[if]]when it is determined that there is an order for the tangible product purchase, and determining whether or not there is the order for the tangible product purchase from one of the dealing companies [[if]]when it is determined that there is not the order for the tangible product purchase,

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temporarily suspending next operations and notifying the error to a user ~~[[if]]~~when the ordered tangible product is determined to belong to the previously established error list, and confirming the order for the tangible product purchase ~~[[if]]~~when the ordered tangible product is determined to not belong to the previously established error list,

determining whether or not the error is cured, and

confirming the order for the tangible product purchase ~~[[if]]~~when the error is determined to be cured, and suspending the next operations temporarily and notifying the error to the user ~~[[if]]~~when the error is determined to not be cured,

~~wherein the error list includes at least one of products that fail to exist on a sales list, products ordered by a dealing company that is not authorized, products for which a price and quantity differ from a prescribed minimum price and quantity, or products for which a quantity of the available product in stock is less than the amount ordered~~ the order control server generates an order sheet for a divisional shipment so that quantity of the ordered tangible product is able to make a divisional shipment on each shipment-available date, when confirming the order for the tangible product purchase.

69-70. (Canceled)

71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the order control server further to restrict prescribed orders based on the order restriction information of the products in the database server, the order restriction information of the tangible products relates to a minimum quantity of the available quantity of the corresponding tangible product.

72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the information of the respective dealing companies used to restrict prescribed orders relates to order-restricted products associated with a distribution channel of the corresponding dealing company.

73. (Canceled)